

## WHOLESALE POISON CAMPAIGN NOW IS CHARGED TO WAITE

Dentist Had Enough Deadly Drugs to Murder Score and Studied Their Use.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Murder by poison on a wholesale scale has been in the mind of Dr. Arthur Warren Waite for months. John T. Dooling, acting district attorney, asserted today in discussing the case of the young dentist, who on Friday confessed he bought the poison which killed his millionaire father-in-law, John E. Peck, "We are satisfied now," said Dooling, "that he sought the lives of at least four other persons."

He would not give the facts that led him to this conclusion, but this much already is known:

Waite since last December has come into possession of quantities of poison sufficient to kill at least a score.

Some of this was bought through deceptions like that he practiced to obtain the drug and a half which was found in Peck's stomach.

Other poisons were obtained through prescriptions in which arsenic and other deadly drugs formed a constituent part. The young graduate dentist, trained in chemistry, is believed to have resolved these poisonous ingredients out of the prescriptions.

Studied Books on Poison.

For a long time Waite has given all his spare hours to the study of standard text-books which treated of poison. The composition of poisons, the method of applying them, and their effects on the human system all were carefully perused, as books in the volumes showed. Arsenic in this broad study of poisons was the specialized subject.

It became known today through Mrs. Margaret Horton, who was registered with Waite at the Hotel Plaza under the name of "Mr. and Mrs. Walters," that Waite had made her an involuntary agent in obtaining these medicines. She had several prescriptions filled for him, it is understood.

Mrs. Horton was questioned in the office of the district attorney by Dooling and George N. Brothers, another assistant district attorney, for more than an hour.

The young woman, recently a concert singer, in her talk with Dooling and Brothers assumed the attitude that she had had a narrow escape for the criminal tendencies of Waite.

Her friendship with him, she protested to her inquisitors, was entirely platonic. She did not know until long after they first had taken a room in the Hotel Plaza that she was known as "Mrs. Walters."

"Several times Dr. Waite tried to induce me to take medicines," she said, "I believe now he intended to kill me."

Tells of Meeting Dr. Waite.

She told how she had met Dr. Waite at the Academy of Music Christmas week. She remarked upon his attention at that time, and told how she refused to ride to her home in his automobile that night. She said he often spoke of his wife. Dr. Waite, said the young singer, invited her to his home to meet his wife.

Before her marriage to Harry Mack Horton she was Margaret Sawyer, a native of Cincinnati, but who was raised with her brothers and sisters in Missouri, Mont. Her words conveyed to the district attorney's assistants a picture of Dr. Waite, the fascinating, boasting of his practice, talking stocks and bonds.

While Mrs. Horton narrated her story with an apparently frank frankness, information reached the district attorney from other sources seemingly serving to demonstrate that she was not telling all she knew.

For instance, without her telling it, it became known that on March 18, when Waite returned from Grand Rapids, he expected her to meet him at the station. She was not there when he arrived, so he called at the Plaza. When he could not find her he walked all through the concourse of the Grand Central Station. Afterward he reached her on the telephone.

Told to Leave Plaza.

"Clear out of the Plaza immediately," he said. "I am being shadowed by detectives."

She paid the bill, which amounted to more than \$200. On Tuesday she met him. This was the day the newspapers first told of the suspicions directed against him.

"Did you do this thing?" she asked him.

"Of course not," he answered. "You ought to know me better than that."

Mrs. Horton was able to give corroboration of several features in the evidence—necessary elements to the prosecution of Waite for first degree murder.

In the light of recent revelations she believes that Waite's interest in her was actuated solely through cupidity. She believes now that she and her husband were slated for death because of the wealth both have come into recently.

Waite asked about her husband's resources, about his success in the sale of aeroplanes, of his prospects of gaining on his several inventions, according to the woman's story.

Helped by Deposit Box.

The safety deposit box leased by Waite in the Fifth Avenue Bank has yielded a mine of information to the district attorney. Through it he established the facts about the other poisons.

Also in this small treasure chest he found a book that contained the names of many of the most famous of questionable characters.

Dr. Otto F. Schultze, county medical examiner, returned from Grand Rapids and filed his formal report of the autopsy. The stomach of the deceased contained approximately ninety grains of arsenic, which would account for the full dram and a half which Waite purchased on false representations.

In his cot in the prison ward Dr. Waite was visited by his brother and father. Their call cheered him considerably.

## "THE WOMAN" IN PECK CASE



MRS. MARGARET HORTON.

## NEW BALLET SHOWS CONSUMMATE ART

"La Princesse Enchantée" Is Given Before Enthusiastic Audience at National.

It was singularly appropriate that "La Princesse Enchantée," another gorgeous and inspiring spectacle, should have been added to the concluding performance of the Serge de Diaghileff Ballet Russe at the National Theater last night.

The princess was not only enchanted, but last night's large audience, like those of Thursday and Friday nights, was completely enthralled by this new ballet and the others, which were repeated.

Enchantment, bewilderment, and inspiration were the themes of the Ballet Russe here. Washington lovers of art have worshiped at the shrine of many impresarios, but the fame of Serge de Diaghileff will doubtless prove more enduring than all of his predecessors in the National Capital.

Symposium of Art.

The Ballet Russe proved to be more wonderful than even the most expectant art lovers had dreamed it would be. Competent critics throughout the National Capital pronounced it a most satisfying symposium of art and grace, an irresistible and fascinating combination of dancing, music, pageantry, mimicry, and scenery, all blended into one harmonious whole by the mind and hand of Serge de Diaghileff. It appealed to and satisfied all the artistic senses, and made everyone the happier, the merrier, and the broader for having witnessed it.

Last night's audience not only stormed the dancers with salvos of applause, but also paid justly merited tribute to the musicians who apparently were forgotten by the two previous audiences in the enthrallment of the terpsichorean art. M. Ansermet and his seventy gifted musicians were given an ovation for their splendidly interpreted part of the magnificent entertainment.

Charm and Captivate.

"La Princesse Enchantée" rivaled "Spectre de la Rose" for popular favor and elicited perhaps even greater enthusiasm and applause from last night's audience. It afforded Mlle. Lopokova, the princess, and M. Bolm, the prince, a wonderful opportunity to reveal their consummate art, which charmed and captivated the captivated beholders.

In "Carnaval," and the other specialties, the soloists and members of the ballet repeated their triumphs and added new laurels to their already overworked artistic diadem.

The consensus of opinion after the concluding performance was that Washington art lovers are under a heavy debt of gratitude to Serge de Diaghileff, the management of the Metropolitan Grand Opera Company, and T. Arthur Smith, who arranged for the appearance of the Ballet here.

Worth Seeing, Anyway.

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## KIN OF DR. WAITE NOW AIM TO SAVE HIS LIFE

Promises Full Confession in Effort to Obtain Acceptance of Second Degree Plea.

NEW YORK, March 26.—The family of Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, following a lengthy conference, has decided that no defense is possible on the facts alleged by the State in the poisoning of Mr. Peck.

Admitting that they considered the evidence of his guilt too conclusive to question, they agreed to employ no counsel to contest the facts for Dr. Waite, but decided to appeal to District Attorney Swann to accept a second degree plea.

With only a vague hope of saving his brother from the electric chair, Frank Waite left this conference and a representative of his family, having to the offices of Walter Drew, counsel for Miss Catherine A. Peck. He begged the lawyer to assume charge of Dr. Waite's case and do "what there is left to be done to save Arthur."

"Mr. Drew," he pleaded, "we have not a friend in this city. You are from our home. We have no money. We hardly know what to do or how to do it. For God's sake help us. We know Arthur is guilty. But help us save the boy from the electric chair. Help us to do that and we ask no more."

Several times during his long talk with Mr. Drew, Frank Waite was overcome by his emotions and gave way to agonized weeping. Tears streamed down his face as he said goodbye to Mr. Drew and a reporter who was present during part of the interview.

Mr. Drew agreed with Mr. Waite and the Waite family that all action must be based upon a full and frank confession by Dr. Waite. This confession Mr. Waite assured Mr. Drew he would make. A full-blown confession from his brother as soon as he was in physical condition to make it.

With the understanding that this confession was essential, the result of this and other conferences held during the day were as follows:

That an appeal will be made to District Attorney Swann to accept a plea of second degree murder. This will be on the ground that Dr. Waite is of defective and abnormal mentality, his youth, and extenuating circumstances.

That Miss Catherine A. Peck will consent to finance the employment of reputable counsel to present Dr. Waite's case to the best advantage.

Should District Attorney Swann be determined to demand the death penalty, counsel will be engaged to present a modification of an insanity or defective mentality defense, with the sole aim of saving the defendant from death.

## WASHINGTON BUYING EARLY FOR EASTER

R. P. Andrews, of Retail Merchants' Association, Tells of Preparedness in Style Now.

Although Easter Sunday is still four weeks off—April 23 being the exact day—R. P. Andrews, president of the Retail Merchants' Association, says Easter buying has been spirited and brisk for the last ten days and there is every indication that Washingtonians are "doing their shopping early."

"I feel sure it is a matter of mutual satisfaction to the public and merchants that early Easter and spring buying has enjoyed such a big impetus," said President Andrews.

"The office of the Retail Merchants' Association is a barometer of trade, inasmuch as its routine shows up or must be speeded according to trade, and this circumstance, together with unsolicited reports reaching the office of the Retail Merchants' Association, demonstrate that the people of Washington appreciate the need of preparedness in their buying as well as other things."

"It was never more advisable for the public to take care of their spring needs and desires than right now. There is a very general feeling based on a gradual increase of business that Washington is going to be the center of the spring places in the United States this spring and summer."

"The necessity for early spring shopping is found in the fact that there is a great shortage of high class merchandise in many lines, due, of course, to the tie-up incident to the war being carried on in Europe."

"It is a happy commentary upon the present state of business in the apparel line that the merchant tailors, the ladies' tailors, the dressmakers, the specialty houses with their wonderful array of style and fabric are all pushed to the point of ultimate endurance in their work rooms to supply the current demands of a discriminating public. Certainly the National Capital is fast realizing the predictions of the Retail Merchants' Association that it will become the fashion center of the world. In fact, it is now the paramount since Paris, London, and Vienna have turned their thoughts to the sword."

"There is every reason to expect that the coming week will show even greater results in the appreciation of the public that now is the time to prepare for spring for that very necessary Easter adornment which is the natural ambition of the American housewife for the home and the person."

Her "Safe" Foils Thieves; Money in Secret Storage

NEW YORK, March 26.—A roll of bills, kept in a secret place by Mrs. Conetta Sardo, twenty-five years old, 421 East Fourteenth street, was not

found by two burglars who entered her rooms, on the third floor, knocked her down when she screamed and kicked her into semi-consciousness.

Neighbors who heard Mrs. Sardo's cries found her lying on the floor of her ransacked apartment, from which nothing had been taken. She was treated at Bellevue Hospital and returned home after furnishing to detectives a description of her assailants.

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